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## NEW YEAR

is on hand now and I must ask all who know themselves indebted to me, to please come in at once and settle up. I have carried you for one year and now have your accounts all made out and unless you come in and settle I will have my collector call around to see you.

Don't delay as the first of the year is always the time to settle all accounts. Thanking you for your many kind favors in the past and soliciting your future business,

Yours Truly,

**S. M. White.**

'Phone 26,

Keytesville, Missouri.

New Store Building.

P. S.—Don't delay your indebtedness as we must make our collection.

### The Water-Works Meeting.

There was a mass-meeting, under the auspices of the Business Men's club, held in the county courtroom of the courthouse in Keytesville Tuesday evening, January 10, 1905, and notwithstanding the disagreeable weather there was a good attendance, and a praise-worthy spirit of enterprise evinced looking to water-works, fire protection and, perhaps, vapor gas street lamps.

In the absence of E. B. Kellogg, president of the Business Men's club, the meeting was called to order by H. J. West, vice-president of the club.

Mr. West stated that the object of the meeting was to discuss the proposition to bond the town to put in a system of water-works, a fire-fighting apparatus, vapor gas street lamps, etc.

On motion of J. A. Collet the regular order of business was dispensed with for the evening, and a discussion of the propositions at issue was called for.

President Kellogg put in his appearance at this time, and Vice-President H. J. West relinquished the chair in President Kellogg's favor.

Mr. Kellogg said that he had made an investigation about a year ago, and found that 15 vapor gas street lamps would cost between \$500 and \$600, and a City hall for the mayor's office, fire engine, street-lighting equipment, etc., would cost about \$3,000. Mr. Kellogg stated that the taxable wealth of Keytesville would admit of the city's being bonded in the sum of \$10,830.

Mr. Collet placed the figures at something over \$11,000 which would be five per cent of the taxable wealth. Mr. Collet also said it was the consensus of opinion of the members of the Business Men's club that the means at the city's disposal would eliminate the building of a City hall, and he believed the best thing that could be done would be to put in a system of water-works by the town, and grant a private franchise for an electric light plant.

J. J. Moore inquired: "In the event the town was bonded for water-works, where would the means come from to put an elec-

tric light plant? Mr. Collet replied that there would not be over about a \$1,000 left in case the water-works cost \$9,000.

Mr. Kellogg expressed the belief that by buying a lot of supplies from the world's fair from 30 to 40 cents could be saved.

Mr. West submitted some figures on the Egan store-building, occupied by Hocker & Brill, and which is assessed at \$800 and insured for \$1,200, showing that the saving in insurance on that building would more than pay the burden of the bonded debt—in fact, the amount saved on insurance in 3 1-3 years would more than pay the amount of the bonded debt incurred so far as that building was concerned, leaving out of consideration the matter of interest.

Mr. Kellogg, in response to inquiry made by Dr. J. T. Dewey, said that every house in Keytesville could be reached by 200 feet of hose, and that water to fight fire would be supplied from a settling basin.

A. F. Arrington desired to know what a settling basin was and was informed that it was a reservoir.

C. A. Chapman wished to know what the difference in fire insurance rates would be, but no one could tell him. Mr. Chapman thought a committee ought to be appointed to find out.

H. J. West said a fire engine was purchased at Marceline and a fire company organized, and the insurance companies resumed business in the town after many of them had withdrawn on account of repeated fires.

Mr. Kellogg stated that every insurance policy contained the question: "Is this property within 200 feet of a fire hydrant?" He had no doubt that water-works would materially reduce insurance rates.

Mr. Collet said that he had a piece of residence property in St. Louis, and that fire exposure was as great as that on any building in Keytesville, and that he paid \$6 a year for \$3,000 insurance on his St. Louis property.

Dr. Dewey thought with water-works the people of Keytesville would be able to dictate terms to the insurance companies.

W. G. Agee expressed himself in favor of water-works, but was opposed to vapor gas street lamps.

Blair Miller also said he was in favor of water-works and a fire apparatus, but did not approve of the vapor gas street lamp scheme.

Dr. Dewey wanted to know what was the taxable wealth of the town and how the bonded debt tax would be collected. He was told that the taxable wealth was about \$237,000, and that the bonded debt tax would be collected like any other city tax.

Rev. Franc. Mitchell called attention to the fact that Brunswick had made a bungle of her electric light and water-works plants, and that they cost about \$11,000. The Brunswick water-works, however, he said were better than the electric light plant. Rev. Mitchell said he was in favor of water-works whether they would or not reduce insurance rates, as he thought they would be a good thing to abate the dust in the summer-time. He declared he not only wanted a good system of water-works, but also good water, suitable for domestic purposes. Mr. Mitchell took a timely shot at the non-progressive citizens of Keytesville, and left the inference that they were not awake to their own interests.

W. G. Agee moved that a committee of three be appointed to learn what amount of money would be necessary to put in water-works, and then the people, he said, could issue bonds for the necessary sum. Mr. Agee's motion was seconded, but was never put before the house.

Not being able to see as well as some others C. P. Vandiver desired to have street lamps as well as water-works. So did Prof. J. W. Taylor. But the vapor gas street lamp project did not seem to take well, and the unique idea of ex-Mayor Zeigenhein of St. Louis seemed to prevail. When Mr. Zeigenhein's administration was being upbraided because of poor street lights in St. Louis he replied:

"Well, we got a moon yet, aint it?"

C. A. Chapman favored water-works, electric lights or anything that would promote the welfare of Keytesville, but wanted to know something of the city administration under which the bonded debt was to be created and managed, but nobody seemed to be able to enlighten Mr. Chapman on this point.

An expression of those present on water-works was called for and the vote taken, and there was not a single dissenting voice against the proposition.

On motion of Dr. Dewey a committee of two, with the chairman added, was appointed by the chairman to make an investigation of the various sizes and necessary amount of pipes, plugs, gates, etc., for water-works and find out what they would cost. This committee was named by Chairman Kellogg as follows: Prof. J. W. Taylor and A. F. Arrington, the chairman constituting the third member of the committee.

There was no further business and the meeting adjourned until Tuesday evening, January 24, that being the regular semi-monthly session of the Business Men's club.

Now, fellow-citizens, that the ball has been started we should all keep it rolling until water-works, fire protection and street lamps in Keytesville are reality.

### Cupids Conquests.

CALLAHAN-OWENS:—Willis M. Callahan and Miss Emma L. Owen, both of Muselfork, were married at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Palmer, Wednesday, January 4, 1905, Rev. L. Routt sealing the plighted vows.

DUFFIELD-BRITTON:—Jos. Duffield and Mrs. Fannie Britton, both of Triplett, were married at Triplett Sunday, January 8, 1905, Justice A. W. Guilloit making the twain one.

VAUGHAN-BANKS:—A Aaron Vaughn and Miss Ocala Banks, a colored couple of Dalton, were married at Dalton Sunday, January 8, 1905, Rev. C. H. Schackenburg adjusting the double harness.

Rev. W. C. Russell will not be able to preach at Adams chapel next Sunday, January 15, because of the protracted meeting now being conducted at Dalton. He will preach at Adams chapel Sunday, January 29.

We are prepared to make immediate delivery of corn for feeding purposes in any quantity and at lowest market prices. Correspondence invited. BEALL GRAIN Co., Board of Trade building, Kansas City, Mo.

### Death's Decree.

BARLOW:—Miss Noima Barlow, the 15-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Barlow of near Pee Dee, died Wednesday, January 11, 1905. Rev. Jas. Hise conducted funeral services over the remains yesterday, after which interment was had in Pleasant Grove cemetery. We tender our sympathies to the bereaved family.

BREWER:—Mrs. John Brewer of near Echo died Monday, January 9, 1905, aged 76 years. Mrs. Brewer was an exemplary Christian, and had been a member of the Methodist church for years. Her death is deplored by the entire community in which she lived, but they do not mourn as those without hope. The aged husband and three sons and one daughter survive the good wife and loving mother. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Jas. Hise Tuesday, and interment took place in Fairview cemetery.

RUCKER:—We clip the following account of the death of the father of our distinguished citizen, Congressman W. W. Rucker, from the Greenbrier (W. Va.) Independent published at Lewisburg, that state: Dr. Wm. Parks Rucker died Tuesday morning, the 3rd inst., at his home, one mile east of Lewisburg, aged 73 years, 1 month and 24 days. Prior to his death he had been confined to his house about six years, the result of an amputation of one of his legs, necessitated by a disease of foot, and had retired from the practice of law and all active business. His death seemed to have been caused by a general giving away of his physical powers, which, until the amputation of his leg, had always been robust and vigorous. Dr. Rucker was born in Lynchburg, Va., November 9, 1831, and was a son of Clifton Hedley and Mary Staples Rucker, both of that state. His grandfathers, Col. Ambrose Rucker and Capt. Wm. Parks, were both officers in the revolutionary war, and through them he was connected with some of the most distinguished families in Virginia. On the 28th of October, 1852, he married Miss Margaret Scott of Campbell who, county, with four sons—H. S. Rucker, attorney-at-law, Marlinton, Judge W. W. Rucker, M. C., Keytesville, Mo., Jas. T. Rucker, principal of the state school for the deaf, dumb and blind at Romney, and Hon. Edgar P. Rucker, late attorney-general of the state, Welch, McDowell county—survive him. After graduating in medicine at Jefferson Medical college, Philadelphia, Penn., Dr. Rucker practiced his profession at Alvon, this county, and afterwards at Covington, Alleghany county, from 1855 to 1862, when he left Covington and made his way into the federal lines and was made provost-marshal of Gen. Crook brigade, U. S. A. In July, 1862, he was captured by the confederates and remained a prisoner for more than a year; was indicted in the circuit court of Alleghany county for treason to the state of Virginia, and while confined in prison at Fincastle made his escape, rejoined the federal army and was commissioned major of the 13th W. Va. infantry and detailed on the staffs of Gens. Crook, Seigle and Fremont. He resigned near the

close of the war and went into the lumber, oil and coal land business. For a while after the war he lived in Nicholas, dealing in stock, then sold out his lands to the C. & O. Ry. Co. and begun the practice of law, for which he had previously made some preparation. In 1870 he moved to Lewisburg, and in the years 1871-72 was prosecuting attorney for this and Pocahontas counties. He continued successfully the practice of law here until he retired from active business as already stated. He was postmaster of Lewisburg under the administration of President Benjamin Harrison. Living in a southern community among a people whose opinions and sympathies were strong by against him, his was for many years a strenuous life, but he outlived, in a large measure the passions and prejudices of the times and made many friends among those he had opposed in war and in politics. His convictions were strong and in maintaining his opinion he was always aggressive. But he was open and frank in the utterance of his views on every subject and was not particular as to the time or occasion. He had a kind heart and was a man of many generous impulses. To the minister of the gospel, his family and friends he gave in his last illness many satisfactory evidences of a change of heart, expressed no fear of death, and felt assured that he had made his peace with God.

"Life's fitful fever over he sleeps well."

The funeral service, attended by all his sons and many friends, was held at the home Wednesday afternoon and was conducted by Revs. Eugene Daniel, Geo. T. Tyler and R. L. Fultz, after which the body was laid to rest in our town cemetery.

No. 67, a west-bound Wabash freight train, was wrecked at Randolph Springs Tuesday morning about 9 o'clock, which is supposed to have been due to a broken carwheel. Several cars were derailed, a considerable loss sustained by the company and traffic delayed between seven and eight hours. No one was hurt except the railroad company's pocket-book.

## PLEASE READ.

All persons knowing themselves indebted to me, either small or large accounts, will please call and settle same by the 1st of January 1905, as I have been to a large expense in building and need my money. All accounts are made out and ready for settlement. Thanking you for past patronage, and wishing you a Happy and Prosperous New Year,

Yours Respectfully,

**W. D. Vaughan.**

Keytesville, Mo.

### Chariton's Fine Chickens.

Chariton county was well represented at the state poultry show, held in Moberly Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of last week.

Geo. M. Dewey of Keytesville took all the ribbons in sight on his White Wyandottes, having been awarded first prize on pullet, first on cockerel, second on cockerel, first on cock, first on hen, second on hen and first on pen, which scored 191 points. Mr. Dewey also received a beautiful \$25 silver cup, which was offered by the Ivory soap people for the whitest and best fowl of any age or breed washed with Ivory soap. He also captured every special ribbon offered by the National White Wyandotte club.

H. C. Noll of near Dalton carried off the following honors on his White Plymouth Rocks: First on pullet, fourth on pullet and fifth on cock. The first prize on pen was also bestowed upon Mr. Noll's White Rocks, but not having entered, through an oversight, in that ring he could not take down the prize.

J. R. Dempsey of Keytesville got the following prizes on his Single comb White Leghorns: First, third and fourth on pullet, first and third on cockerel and first on pen, which scored 189 7-8.

H. T. Phelps of Salisbury had some White Plymouth Rocks and Single-comb Brown Leghorns on exhibition and won second prize on White Plymouth cockerel, and second, and fourth on Single-comb Brown Leghorn cockerel.

The show was a very creditable one, and the judges pronounced the fowls, as a whole, the best lot they had scored this season.

In writing from Kippen, Idaho, to renew his subscription, E. N. Laird, a son of Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Laird of near Chaneyville, throws us this very much appreciated bouquet: We appreciate the COURIER in the highest sense and want you to continue sending it until you receive word to stop it. We are enjoying the best of health and have such a fine climate and are well pleased with our location. We wish you and yours a joyous and very happy and glad New Year.

### Marriage Licenses.

H. C. Keen ..... Prairie Hill  
Miss Willie Gribble ..... Eccles  
Jos. B. Crews ..... Triplett  
Miss Mary M. Harper ..... Triplett